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## **Go jump in the lake!!!**

TULSA, Okla. -- Expressing their sentiments concerning the upcoming holiday weekend, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, said, "As far as we're concerned this weekend, everyone can just go jump in a lake!"

"Seriously," said Ross Adkins, "we'd like for people to thoroughly enjoy the Labor Day weekend and to take advantage of the lakes and enjoy themselves. We'd just also like for them to survive."

If you're planning to visit a lake this weekend, here are some facts the Corps wants you to know.

Since Oct. 1, 1996:

- 16 people died at Corps lakes in the Tulsa District.
- Three of those people died from jet ski accidents.
- 11 of them drowned.
- None of those 11 were wearing life jackets.
- Two people who died were drinking alcohol.

Adkins, Public Affairs Officer, says jet skis are posing a greater threat all the time as their popularity soars. "They're fun, but dangerous," he says, "and people are dying because they're not taking proper safety precautions." As always, the Corps reminds people headed for the lake. "Wear your life jacket! It won't work if you don't wear it!"

